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1. From 25 February 1950 to 1 March 1950, a meeting of the Officers of the Sigurimi took place in Tirana in a building about 200 meters behind ZOG's former palace. This meeting was the first (sic) one after Koci XOXE had been executed and Mehmet SHEHU had taken charge of the Ministry of Interior.
2. The first one to speak at the meeting was Mihallaq ZICISHTI, the Albanian Vice-Minister of Interior who had just returned from a tour of inspection of the towns and villages of Albania. He enumerated the draw-backs and handicaps of some offices and explained why they were not functioning well.
3. On 26 February 1950, Mehmet SHEHU, the Minister of Interior, spoke at length on the following topics:
 - a. The mismanagement and injustice done to the Albanian people prior to SHEHU's becoming Minister of Interior
 - b. The failure of the Sigurimi to follow the Party line, and its deviation toward the Trotskyist line.
 - c. The deterioration in morale of Sigurimi agents, and present efforts to boost it.

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h. The desirability of arming all peasants who supported the regime.

4. After Mehmet SHEHU, Kadri HASBIU took the floor and enumerated the functions of the different sections of the Sigurimi, comparing those who had done well with those others who had not done so well.

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6. On 27 February 1950, about 11 a.m. while Mehmet SHEHU was in the meeting, an officer came in and handed him a note. SHEHU, after reading this note, left the meeting and returned one hour later, announcing that Elazi ISLAMI, the Minister of Commerce, had committed suicide. (The name of the place where the suicide occurred is unknown.) ISLAMI was buried by his family, and no national honors were accorded him.

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8. On 1 March 1950, a group of 400 officers (250 Sigurimi agents, and about 150 police chiefs) went to the building where the police school is located and heard Enver HOXHA give a speech as the closing ceremony. HOXHA praised the work of the Sigurimi and reprimanded some officers who had not understood the spirit of the regime. He praised Stalin "the Almighty" and promised a bright future for Albania.
9. Attached is a diagram showing some of the different sections and officials of the Sigurimi.

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Comment. Also known as Ali SHEHU,

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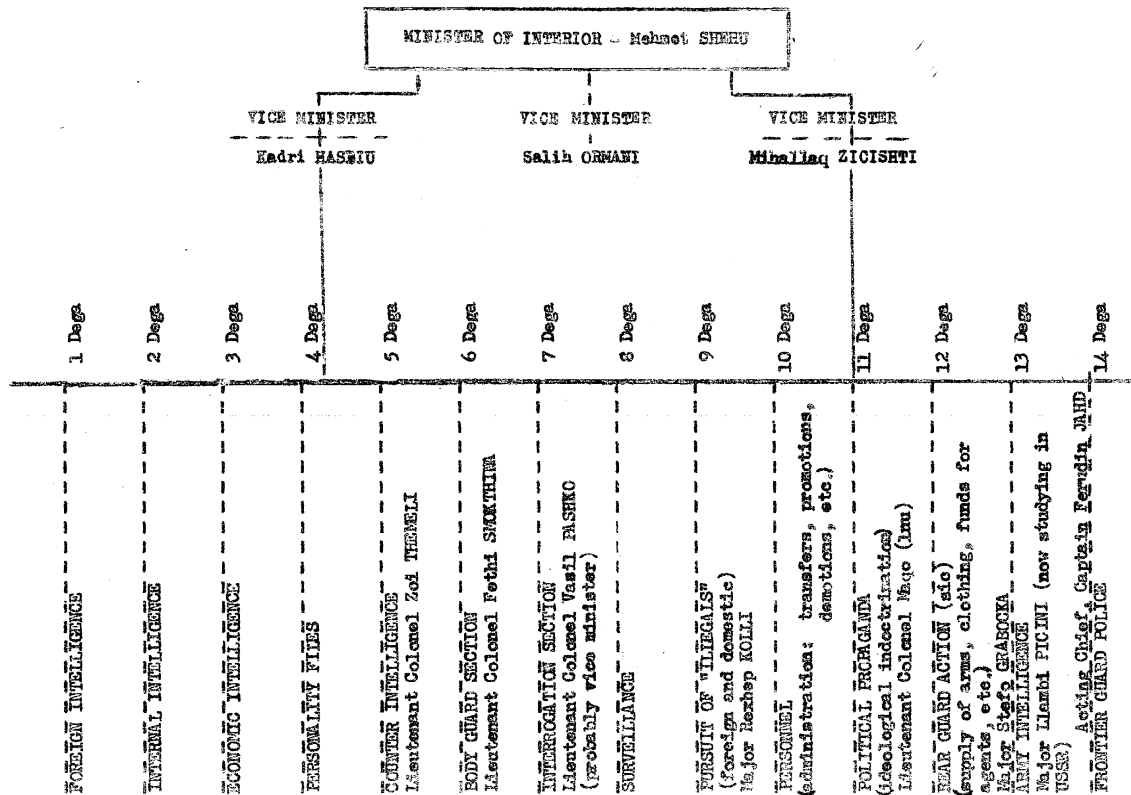
Comment. Fejzo HOXHA, second cousin of Enver HOXHA, as Political Commissar of the Communications Battalion of 8 Division as of September 1950.

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